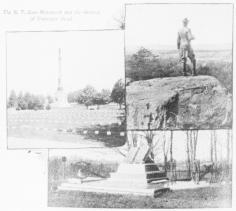
before they got halfway across all the Union guns were trained upon them. The grape and canister of the cannonade ploughed furrows through Pickett't ranks. When the column got within 300 yards, Hancock opened musketry fire with terrible effect. Thousands fell, and the brigades broke in disorder, but the advance, headed by Gen. Armistead on foot continued, and about 150 men leaped over the stone piles at the angle to capture the Union guns. Lient Cushing, mortally wounded in both thighs, ran his last serviceable gun towards the wall, and shouted to his commander "Webb. I will give them one more shot." He fired the gun and died. Armistead put his hand on the cannon, waved his sword and called out, "give them the cold steel, boys"; then pierced by bullets, he fell dead alongside Cushing. Webb was wounded and also Hancock, and the slaughter was dreadful. The Confederates were overwhelmed, and not one-fourth of the gallant charging column composed of the flower of the Virginia



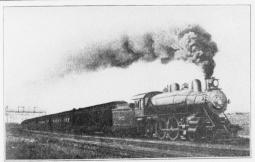
mant retreating in disorder. During the night Lee began by the heavy rains usually following great battles, the withdrew through the mountain-passes towards Hagers-escaped across the Potomac. The day of Lee's retreat



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Detectives and police are wired for and await the stopping of the train at a station and everybody is searched, but nothing is found. The cashier buys jewels and other presents for his sweetheart but she being a poor innocent girl will not accept them, fearing he may not have acquired them honestly. Subsequently he confesses all to his employer and returns his share of the money and is forgiven.

The bookkeeper has no such compunctions and drifts to the lowest dives only to meet with kicks and cuffs and finally an ignoble death.

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